

**EVENT DETECTION WITH A DIGITAL PROCESSOR**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A bistable memory device changes logic state each time an event occurs. The  
bistable memory device has an logic output coupled to a digital processor input. The  
5 digital processor reads the logic state of the bistable memory device from its logic output  
and compares the logic state read to a stored previous logic state obtained from a  
previous read. If the logic state read and the stored previous logic state are the same, then  
no event has occurred during the time between the read and previous read of the logic  
states of the bistable memory device. If different, then an event has occurred during the  
10 time between the read and previous read of the logic states of the bistable memory  
device. The event detection may be used in combination with a digital system  
communicating by serial digital data transmissions.